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POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING IN OTAY MESA WEST

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting last night that left a male in critical condition.

At 7:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the 3400 block of Del Sol Boulevard. They arrived and found a 22-year-old male who sustained at least one gunshot wound. Paramedics transported the victim to a trauma center where he is in critical condition.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the victim and his friend were standing in the parking lot of an apartment complex waiting for an acquaintance to arrive home. They began talking with two males who were in the same area. An argument between the victim and one of the other males started. The male produced a handgun and fired at least one shot, striking the victim.

The suspect fled on foot and is described as a Hispanic male, 25-27 years old, 5'9" 125 pounds. He has a shaved head and a tattoo on the right side of his neck, possibly of a name. The suspect was wearing a blue, Padres baseball jersey with buttons down the front and white colored numbers. The suspect fled east through the apartment complex.

The motive for the shooting is unknown at this time. Detectives are currently searching for witnesses and processing the crime scene for evidence. The victim has been identified but his name is not being released pending family notification. Anyone with information this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531- 2276 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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